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LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit enclosed the text of the message of congratulations addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Alpha Oumar Konare, President of the Republic of Mali, following the signature on 20 November 1994 of the Lusaka Peace Agreement between the Angolan Government and UNITA (see annex). May I suggest that you issue this message as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nouhoum SAMASSEKOU
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Message from the President of Mali addressed to the Secretary-General

At a time when real and significant progress is taking place in the Angolan conflict, with the signature of the Lusaka Peace Agreement, I am pleased to address to you, on behalf of the people and Government of Mali and in my own personal capacity, my very sincere and warm congratulations.

The conclusion of the cease-fire which followed the Lusaka Agreement itself reflects the will of the two parties, the Angolan Government and UNITA, to advance themselves resolutely towards the definitive peace which is the legitimate aspiration of the Angolan people.

The remarkable task you have thus accomplished, while enhancing the credibility of the United Nations, constitutes above all a further gesture addressed to Africa as it pursues its search for stability.

Allow me to express to you again our solidarity and our constant support in the conduct and success of this exalting mission in order that the people of Angola may achieve reconciliation and wage side by side the only worthwhile fight - the fight for development, happiness and brotherly concord.

ALPHA OUMAR KONARE